

Central Mass. Mosquito Control Project Weekly Report- 9/17/17-9/23/17 EPI Week #38

Target Species	Ae. vex	Cq. per	Cs. mel	Oc. can	Culex	All Species
No. Pools	118	421	84	215	1089	3853
Total Specimens	474	17753	261	3472	18130	49059
No. Pools WNV +	0	0	0	0	20†	20†
No. Pools EEE +	0	0	0	0	0	0

Cumulative Surveillance Summary

[†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* species collected in Milford on 7/27/17 [†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* species collected in Ashland on 7/27/17 [†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* species collected in Chelmsford on 8/1/17 [†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* species collected in Millbury on 8/4/17 [†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* species collected in Webster on 8/8/17 [†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* species collected in Sturbridge on 8/8/17 [†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* species collected in Millbury on 8/11/17 [†]Pool of WNV+ Culex species collected in Billerica on 8/15/17 [†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* species collected in Milford on 8/17/17 [†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* species collected in Fitchburg on 8/22/17 [†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* species collected in Leominster on 8/22/17 [†]Pool of WNV+ Culex species collected in Dracut on 8/25/17 [†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* species collected in Acton on 8/31/17 [†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* species collected in Natick on 8/31/17 [†]Pool of WNV+ Culex species collected in Billerica on 9/6/17 [†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* species collected in Chelmsford on 9/6/17 [†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* species collected in Stow on 9/13/17 [†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* species collected in Lancaster on 9/14/17 [†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* species collected in Ayer on 9/15/17 [†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* species collected in Devens on 9/15/17

Weather Summary (Northborough, MA): The weather for this particular week averaged 66.64°F with a recorded high temperature of 84.00°F and a recorded low temperature of only 59.90°F. For this week there was also a total of 0.17 inches of rain observed. Compared to the previous week, it was approximately 0.36°F cooler on average, and rained about 0.12 inches more. There has been 2.02 inches of rain accumulated in September, after 1.15 inches for the month of August.

Target Species	ΔFrom	∆ From Last Year	Predominant Trap Site(s)
Aedes vexans	+153.6%	-60.78%	Ayer, Chelmsford
Coquillettidia perturbans	-52.53%	-64.50%	Stow, Holliston, Westford
Culiseta melanura	-59.52%	-59.38%	Webster
Ochlerotatus canadensis	-57.69%	-33.45%	Gardner, Hopedale

CMMCP Mosquito Summary-

Culex Species	-46.46%	+39.57%	Ayer, Natick
All Species	-37.02%	-37.61%	Ayer, Natick, Stow

The predominant mosquito for the week was *Culex*, followed by *Coquillettidia perturbans*.

*Low late season numbers may contribute to these comparisons being not as significant as they appear

Epi week #38 narrative: The temperatures for EPI week 38 averaged approximately 0.36 degrees cooler than the previous week, with only 0.17 inches of precipitation observed. Overall collection numbers decreased by 37.02% from EPI week 37. All target mosquito species were collected in lower numbers from the prior surveillance period, except for *Aedes vexans*. To this point in the season, *Culex* remains the only target mosquito that has been collected in higher numbers compared to 2016. *Culex* is still the most abundant mosquito in the CMMCP service area, followed again by *Coquillettidia perturbans*. Four additional mosquito pools collected in EPI week 37 were determined to be WNV positive. These collections were all Culex mosquitoes, sourced from Ayer, Devens, Lancaster, and Stow. It was the first WNV positive collection for each of these towns this season. There were 103 eggs collected from CMMCP ovitraps for Aedes albopictus surveillance.

For the year, we received 175% more service requests than the 14 year average (16,108 in 2017 v. 9,185 14 yr. avg.), and 5.4% more than 2016 (16,108 in 2017 v. 15,281 in 2016). The standard adulticiding program has ended due to lower nighttime temperatures, declining mosquito populations and fewer service requests. Vector spraying was done September 21 after consultation with the LBOH in Ayer, Devens, Lancaster & Stow after confirmation of WNV in *Culex*. Monitoring continues at the sites where *Ae. albopictus* was identified.















